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The above-entitled matter came on for the  
Interview of Semetra Topa (phonetic), pursuant to  
Notice.

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MR. WALSH: Today is June 5, 2003, the  
3 continuation of the investigation into the accident on  
4 board the SS Norway. We're interviewing one of the  
5 security guards, Semetra Topa.

6 EXAMINATION

7 BY MR. WALSH:

8 Q Semetra, could you give us your safety  
9 number?

10 A 022.

11 Q And could you give us your crew number as  
12 well?

13 A 038.

14 Q As a security guard on board, what are your  
15 working hours?

16 A Depends. Sea days it's eight hours or ten  
17 hours.

18 Q Sea days eight to ten hours?

19 A Yes. And then on port days sometimes it's 12  
20 hours, sometimes 13, 14, it depends upon the work load.

21 Q Anywhere from 12 to 14 hours. On Saturday  
22 you were at sea or in port? The 24th.

23 A On Saturday we are there on sea, coming in.

24 Q Can you tell me what your hours were that  
25 day?

1 A It was 12:00 to 7:00 in the morning.

2 Q Midnight to 7:00 in the morning?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And then what did you do for the rest of the  
5 day?

6 A Just read novels, sitting around.

7 Q Your cabin is where?

8 A It's in the Viking Deck, Viking Deck 058  
9 cabin.

10 Q Your job is what on board?

11 A It's security, to check, to patrol around.

12 Q And the title is?

13 A Security guard.

14 Q Security guard. And how long have you been  
15 working with Norwegian Cruise Lines now?

16 A Six months.

17 Q Prior to that where were you working?

18 A I was working in my hometown, in an office as  
19 a computer operator.

20 Q And where is that hometown?

21 A Nepal. Katmandu.

22 Q You said the capital, Katmandu?

23 A Yes, the capital.

24 Q How did you find out about the job on board  
25 the Norwegian Cruise Lines?

1           A     The (inaudible) is my father's friend, so  
2 they would tell me.

3           Q     You came on board the Norway six months ago  
4 or were you on another ship?

5           A     Yes, I was six months ago on Norway.

6           Q     And how long is your contract?

7           A     It's actually going to be stopped in two  
8 days.

9           Q     So right around six months?

10          A     Six months.

11          Q     On Saturday right before you got off duty,  
12 did you know what time you would be working on Sunday,  
13 the 25th?

14          A     Sunday I started -- no, because the  
15 supervisor brings the schedule on the morning, Sunday  
16 morning.

17          Q     So Sunday morning you would have found out?

18          A     Yes.

19          Q     And your supervisor's name is?

20          A     Pradip Pun -- P-r-a-d-i-p P-u-n.

21          Q     So on Sunday you were in your cabin, 058?

22          A     058, yes.

23          Q     What was your first notice that something was  
24 wrong?

25          A     On that day actually I was working.

1 Q Oh, you were working?

2 A Yes. Saturday night. I start at 12:00  
3 Saturday night.

4 Q So at midnight Saturday, okay.

5 A To Sunday.

6 Q So you were working?

7 A Yes, I was working.

8 Q And you were at sea at midnight?

9 A Yes.

10 Q So what do you do?

11 A We patrol around the ship.

12 Q Do you have a radio?

13 A Yes, we have a radio.

14 Q What are your duties when you're patrolling?

15 A We do scanning, fire scanning and just patrol  
16 all over the ship.

17 Q Is there a system where you use a key to  
18 check into certain locations?

19 A Yes. Not key, but it's kind of device, is a  
20 fire point so we go check in, like wherever we go, we  
21 check.

22 Q How long does it take you to do that?

23 A All the ship? If I go -- two hours.

24 Q Do you know approximately how many fire  
25 points you check into?

1           A     I don't know that, because we go patrol  
2 around whole ship. Every time I go, like one time I go  
3 to that point, but again if I come again, I have to do  
4 again. I patrol everywhere, I go everywhere.

5           Q     How many people are on duty at the same time?

6           A     Two.

7           Q     Who was the other person on duty with you  
8 that night?

9           A     Yock, security guard.

10          Q     Y-o-c-k?

11          A     Yes, Y-o-c-k.

12          Q     Did you notice anything unusual between 12:00  
13 and 6:00 in the morning?

14          A     Not particularly.

15          Q     You also made rounds on B Deck and C Deck?

16          A     Yes.

17          Q     Do you make rounds in the engine room?

18          A     No, not in the engine room.

19          Q     Do you make rounds on the bridge?

20          A     Yes. Sometimes. Like if you have any work,  
21 we go there, otherwise we just go in the passenger  
22 areas.

23          Q     The engine control room is on what deck?

24          A     It's in scan deck.

25          Q     Do you check the engine control room on your

1 rounds?

2 A No.

3 Q Is there a reason why you don't check the  
4 engine room or the engine control room?

5 A There's a different -- like -- they have  
6 night duty. They have different people who go and  
7 check. We don't go inside the engine room. If we have  
8 some work, if somebody told us to go there, we would go  
9 to the engine room.

10 Q Your first notice that something was wrong on  
11 Sunday, the 25th, was what?

12 A It was when I was having my breakfast, I  
13 heard the explosion.

14 Q And you were having your breakfast where?

15 A In the staff mess.

16 Q So you heard the explosion. What did you  
17 hear?

18 A Just a big sound, boom.

19 Q And then what happened?

20 A Then I went to -- I was like scared and  
21 afraid, so I went out the back door, in the hallway  
22 looking for -- I went to check, it was all sprinkle  
23 water, so I went out through the crew gangway. I would  
24 use the crew gangway.

25 Q You were at breakfast at the staff mess. The

1 staff mess is on Biscayne Deck?

2 A Biscayne Deck.

3 Q You heard the boom?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Did you feel anything?

6 A It was just boom, big sound.

7 Q You were scared?

8 A Yes.

9 Q And then you went out the back door?

10 A Yes.

11 Q What back door?

12 A There's a back door in the staff mess, two  
13 doors, one front door, one back door.

14 Q And the back door opens onto what passageway?

15 A Port side Biscayne Deck.

16 Q Port side. Now what happens? Are the lights  
17 on or off?

18 A It was on, it was flickering.

19 Q Flickering lights in the port side  
20 passageway. Did you smell anything?

21 A I didn't smell anything there, but when I  
22 went -- opened the door on the starboard side I smell  
23 like fumes and all.

24 Q In the port side passageway were the  
25 sprinklers on?

1           A     Yes, it was on.

2           Q     Did you see any guests on the port side,  
3 passengers?

4           A     Just a few.

5           Q     Many?

6           A     No, just a few. Just there were walking at  
7 the time.

8           Q     Did anyone ask you what was going on?

9           A     Yeah, they asked me and I say I'll go and  
10 check, just be patient. I was in port side, so there  
11 were crew member in the port side, so I said don't make  
12 any noise, just sit there, I'll go on the starboard  
13 side and check and then tell you.

14          Q     Oh, okay. You crossed from the port side to  
15 the starboard side. Where did you do that?

16          A     A little bit forward. That's aft. That's  
17 the gangway over here. There's many doors, connection  
18 doors, so I went to starboard side from port side and  
19 then up and then I came across and down. It was I  
20 think stair tower number five, I came through the door  
21 of stair tower number five.

22                   MR. WALSH: I'm going to stop the interview  
23 very briefly.

24                                   (Off the record.)

25                   MR. WALSH: We're continuing the conversation

1 now with the security guard.

2 BY MR. WALSH:

3 Q So we're looking at Biscayne Deck. You're  
4 looking at the staff mess, so you exited which of those  
5 two doors there? That's the starboard side.

6 A Starboard side. Okay, I came through here  
7 and I exit from there.

8 Q This is the hotel crew mess. Were you in  
9 there or where you in the staff mess?

10 A Staff mess.

11 Q So you exited the door on the port side?

12 A Port side, then I went over here.

13 Q You made a left turn, The were moving aft?

14 A Yes.

15 Q That's the engine office.

16 A There's a stair tower number five, I used  
17 stair tower number five.

18 Q Stair tower number five. Stair tower number  
19 five is down here.

20 A This one, yes. Over through here.

21 Q As you came across this passageway here,  
22 where did you see crew members?

23 A They were just here.

24 Q And this watertight door was open?

25 A Yes. Every watertight doors.

1 Q All watertight doors were open?

2 A Was open.

3 Q When you made your rounds earlier in the day,  
4 were all the watertight doors open?

5 A Yeah. We check it every morning whether it's  
6 working or not.

7 Q Okay.

8 A So I came down and I took stair tower number  
9 five and then came inside.

10 Q So you crossed here, stair tower number five.

11 A Then come forward on the crew gangway.

12 Q Now you came forward.

13 A There is crew gangway.

14 Q Yes. So you came from here to here. Was  
15 there anyone at the crew gangway at the time?

16 A Yeah, my supervisor was telling everyone to  
17 come out. I just remember seeing him.

18 Q Here's the after gangway. Here's the crew  
19 gangway. Hang on a second now. You were eating  
20 breakfast. You heard the explosion, big bang. When  
21 you came around to the gangway where the crew normally  
22 exits, was your supervisor on the ship or off the ship?

23 A He was just in the middle of the gangway,  
24 like -- in the gangway.

25 Q Because we have a tape going and we don't

1 know what you mean by "gangway," what I need to know is  
2 was he on the ship or was he off the ship?

3 A Between outside and the ladder, the one  
4 gangway which is attached to the ship and the pier.

5 Q So on the ramp?

6 A Yes.

7 Q So your supervisor --

8 A I don't remember that much, but I think it  
9 was this gangway.

10 Q So he was on the pier side?

11 A Not totally on the pier side, on the gangway.  
12 The small gangway, standing maybe inside. I'm not  
13 sure.

14 Q Wherever the security supervisor is, it's not  
15 inside the ship?

16 A (No response.)

17 Q Do you understand the question?

18 A Yes, I understand, but I'm confused, because  
19 I didn't see whether he was standing, I just -- it was  
20 all black.

21 UNKNOWN: Do you remember where he was  
22 standing? Do you remember?

23 THE WITNESS: A little bit inside the ship.

24 BY MR. WALSH:

25 Q Here is the crew gangway.

1           A     It was around here. Here is one gangway over  
2 here, so he was here, around here.

3           Q     Let's go back a little back. You were here,  
4 you heard a bang. Did you feel anything shake?

5           A     I don't remember.

6           Q     You were making your way this way. You see  
7 some crew members.

8           A     Yes.

9           Q     You tell them that you'll check and get back  
10 to them?

11          A     Yes.

12          Q     You come this way. This door is open or  
13 closed?

14          A     It was open. Oh, there is a door and there  
15 is written only crew, so it is closed actually for the  
16 passengers so that they don't go outside. It's closed.  
17 All the time it's closed. It's like a fire screen  
18 door.

19          Q     So this door is closed. Now you open it?

20          A     Yes.

21          Q     Do you see any or smell any smoke in here?

22          A     Yes. Actually, when I opened the door it was  
23 like --

24          Q     This door right here on the port passageway,  
25 you saw or smelled smoke in here?

1 A Yes, I did.

2 Q What did it smell like?

3 A Diesel, petrol.

4 Q It smelled like diesel or petrol and you've  
5 smelled that before?

6 A Yes, I've smelled that before.

7 Q Where?

8 A From when I go to workshop, engine workshop.

9 Q And you go to the engine workshop during your  
10 rounds?

11 A No, no, no. In my hometown, not here.

12 Q So you open this door, you smell smoke. Did  
13 you see it in here?

14 A It was black all over the wall and then  
15 sprinkle water was on.

16 Q Inside the stair tower?

17 A No, not inside. Outside the galley.

18 Q So the crew galley is --

19 A This one is crew and all this one. There was  
20 nothing inside there. Just outside.

21 Q So when you opened these doors --

22 A Then I see it.

23 Q Then you saw it, so nothing inside here, but  
24 here you saw smoke?

25 A Not smoke, but like the smell and all. It

1 was like fog. Just little, little.

2 Q Just a little foggy. Were the sprinklers on  
3 here?

4 A Yes.

5 Q So the sprinklers were on right outside  
6 stairway number five. Is that a passenger stairway or  
7 a crew stairway?

8 A That's passengers.

9 Q So outside passenger stairway number five?

10 A Right. Yes.

11 Q So you then made a left turn?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Did you see any crew members?

14 A Yeah. They were here, actually. They were  
15 coming down from the Caribbean Deck. There's a stair  
16 that --

17 Q They were coming up from the Caribbean Deck?

18 A Is a stair, they were coming from the -- they  
19 were trying to go to the crew gangway. I told them  
20 don't go there, you go up in Olympic Deck.

21 Q So you were telling the crew members that  
22 were coming up from Caribbean Deck to go to Olympic  
23 Deck. Now you're moving forward. Do you see any more  
24 crew members?

25 A No. Not over there.

1 Q When you got to the engine control room right  
2 here, did you see crew members?

3 A When I was going to the crew mess or when I  
4 was coming out from the --

5 Q When you came this way, did you see --

6 A No, I didn't see, I just went to the open  
7 door.

8 Q So you went here?

9 A I didn't go there. This is the crew -- oh,  
10 this here? Yes.

11 Q That's okay.

12 A I'm sorry. I didn't see anyone over here.

13 Q You didn't see anyone over here?

14 A No.

15 Q So when you got here, was it black?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Was there a lot of smoke?

18 A I don't remember. I don't think so.

19 Q So what was black?

20 A All the walls were black.

21 Q The walls were black?

22 A Walls, floor.

23 Q This was perhaps how many minutes from here  
24 to here, from when you first heard the bang to getting  
25 to here? Approximately.

1           A     Five or ten minutes, I don't know.  Actually,  
2 I was with the port agent (inaudible).

3           Q     Who?

4           A     Port agent.

5           Q     Port Agent Felix.  So both of you were  
6 together?

7           A     Yes.

8           Q     So Felix made the same walk with you?

9           A     Yes.  Actually, we were just talking where to  
10 go, then he asked me and I took him through here.

11          Q     So you made it to here and this is where the  
12 crew gangway goes from the ship to the shore.  If this  
13 is the pier and here is the water, where is Mr. Thorne  
14 standing?

15          A     I didn't see, I just saw my supervisor.

16          Q     So where is your supervisor standing?

17          A     It was around here.  Just -- not particularly  
18 on the gangway, just a little bit forward he was  
19 standing (inaudible).

20          Q     And then he went outside with you?

21          A     Yes.

22          Q     It this is the gangway, where did you go?

23          A     I went all the way down here.

24          Q     So you and your supervisor -- did you see  
25 anybody down there?

1           A     I just saw a few crew members and all the  
2 police officers.

3           Q     Did you have your radio?

4           A     Yes, I had the radio.

5           Q     Did you notice any crew members coming from  
6 the forward gangway?

7           A     No, because the forward gangway is a little  
8 bit far, so I was here in the middle (inaudible) go  
9 that side and check if the crew wants to come outside  
10 from there.

11          Q     Who told you to do that?

12          A     Security officer, to go over there in the  
13 forward gangway.

14          Q     So you stood in the forward gangway?

15          A     Actually, mid ship gangway.

16          Q     Mid ship gangway and he told you if any crew  
17 member wanted to come out --

18          A     (Inaudible.)

19          Q     Was anybody sent down to this gangway?

20          A     Yes.

21          Q     Who was sent down there?

22          A     Yock.

23          Q     Yock, your supervisor?

24          A     No, he's another security guard.

25          Q     Another security guard. How did he get

1 ashore?

2 A I don't know.

3 Q So Yock was sent down here?

4 A Yes.

5 Q And told to do what?

6 A If anybody like up there, just send them  
7 down. Nobody is allowed to go inside on that section.

8 Q Was Yock up here or also standing down here?

9 A This gangway.

10 Q So he's at the gangway?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Here's the gangway onto the ship. Where is  
13 Yock standing?

14 A I just saw him once standing in the gangway  
15 and telling the people to come on.

16 Q And you went forward?

17 A Forward. I went forward in the ship. I  
18 stayed in the ship gangway outside, but I looked up on  
19 the forward gangways.

20 Q Do you remember hearing any announcements?

21 A Yes, it was Code Alpha.

22 Q And what do you do in a Code Alpha?

23 A Code Alpha, I was outside. There was another  
24 security guard inside, so I heard and I went up and I  
25 said could you reporting Code Alpha, there's some

1 people in the cabin. But I was assigned outside, so I  
2 didn't stay inside.

3 Q Can we keep that there in front in you, just  
4 in case we have to ask some more questions?

5 A Yes.

6 Q The Code Alpha, do you have your radio on  
7 now?

8 A Yes. Now? No.

9 Q No, no. Then. On Sunday the 25th did you  
10 have your radio on?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Do you remember hearing the Code Alpha on the  
13 radio?

14 A Yes. Yes, I heard.

15 Q Did you hear them in the ship as well?

16 A I don't remember, but I heard one of my  
17 friends saying the bridge was telling them.

18 Q When you were leaving the staff mess, did you  
19 hear any codes announced on your radio?

20 A No.

21 Q Did you hear any one the public address  
22 system?

23 A No.

24 Q You heard one Code Alpha when you were on the  
25 pier?

1           A     Yes.  I'm not sure, because I was very scared  
2 and so I couldn't even listen to my radio, I was  
3 shaking.  I was shaking, so I --

4           Q     But the ship agent was with you, Felix?

5           A     Yes.

6           Q     And you left together?

7           A     We left together.

8           Q     Do you remember hearing an emergency alarm?

9           A     Like a siren, yes.

10          Q     And you were --

11          A     Outside.

12          Q     Outside.  Did anyone tell you not to go back  
13 into the ship?

14          A     They just told us to clear off the street.  
15 That's it.  Later Nigel told me to maintain the  
16 gangway, so I just stayed there.  I did nothing.  I  
17 just told him shall I do anything, what do I have to do  
18 and he just said you go and maintain the gangway.

19                   I asked him whether I have to go inside, he  
20 said you go maintain the gangway, because there were  
21 other security guard already talking on the radio that  
22 I am here and they were telling their position and they  
23 were Code Alpha, they were helping with the casualties.  
24     So we went and waited outside.

25          Q     Did you get a call at any time to tell you to

1 stop crew members from going ashore?

2 A Stop crew members, no.

3 Q Your normal emergency duties, you drill how  
4 often?

5 A Every week.

6 Q Every week. What are you supposed to do for  
7 those?

8 A I am the crowd control.

9 Q Crowd control. Have you ever had a drill  
10 that simulated this kind of event? That simulated an  
11 explosion.

12 A We have fire drills, Code Alpha and sometimes  
13 (inaudible), not with the sound and -- we have fire  
14 drill, like drill actual fire and smoke.

15 Q Have you ever drilled with shore side first  
16 responders, fire departments, ambulances?

17 A From outside?

18 Q Right.

19 A No. Just inside, our firemen.

20 Q When the fire department and ambulances came  
21 to the ship, did they drive onto the pier or were they  
22 on the other side of the terminal?

23 A They drive in the pier, because I could see  
24 fire brigade everywhere, they were right outside the  
25 ship.

1 Q Did you bring the fire brigade on board?

2 A I brought medical team. I took medical team.

3 Q And where did you take the medical team?

4 A In the medical center, Viking Deck.

5 Q Was that the first time you went back on  
6 board?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Did they ask you to take them on board?

9 A Yeah. I don't know. Nigel told me, my  
10 supervisor. They talked and then he told me to take  
11 the medical in the medical center because they don't  
12 know the way. So we went inside, we went through here  
13 and then using stair tower number three, we went to  
14 medical center.

15 Q Stair tower number three and you went to the  
16 medical center. Was that the first medical team that  
17 went on board?

18 A I was the one who took them.

19 Q You were the first one to take them on board?

20 A The first one, yes.

21 Q When you went up there, how many men were  
22 with you?

23 A Six or seven.

24 Q Of those six or seven men, did they have  
25 stretchers with them?

1           A     Yes.

2           Q     When you got there, what happened? Tell us  
3 what happened.

4           A     I took them there and then they are saying  
5 that they brought in the casualty and then the one  
6 injured, they took them outside. They brought them  
7 outside. So again I assist them back again to  
8 (inaudible) and went back inside. So they were a team.

9           A     Actually, I saw other team also inside, but I don't  
10 know how or when they went. The one I took, I took  
11 them inside and I was the one taking them in and out.

12          Q     And you did that for how long?

13          A     One, two hours I believe. One hour, one and  
14 a half hour.

15          Q     Somewhere in that range. Were any of the  
16 other security guards that you were aware of bringing  
17 teams up?

18          A     I was the one leader of the security guard  
19 team.

20          Q     I'm sorry, one more time?

21          A     First I was the one to take them there and  
22 later out again, three or four, and then we helped.

23          Q     Was there a security guard inside the ship at  
24 the gangway?

25          A     At the gangway? There was, yes.

1 Q So we have you up forward, we have a security  
2 guard, Yock, on the after gangway.

3 UNKNOWN: I believe she had said that she was  
4 mid ship gangway.

5 MR. WALSH: Mid ship, looking forward.

6 THE WITNESS: Mid ship gangway, yes. Mid  
7 ship and then sometimes I used to go forward of the  
8 ship.

9 BY MR. WALSH:

10 Q But you were checking mid ship and forward.  
11 You have Yock on the (inaudible) gangway. Who else is  
12 out there?

13 A Nigel and our supervisor, Pradip.

14 Q So you have four outside and the ship has how  
15 many security altogether?

16 A Altogether ten.

17 Q So six more. Do you know where those other  
18 six security guards were?

19 A No.

20 Q My question was do you recall seeing someone  
21 -- the gangway you took the fire people on was the crew  
22 gangway?

23 A No, is passenger gangway.

24 Q The passenger gangway you took the fire team  
25 on. Which passenger gangway?

1           A     Is stair tower number three.

2           Q     Stair tower number three. The reason you  
3 used the passenger gangway was?

4           A     I don't know. Nigel told me take through  
5 passenger gangway. Because I think it's near, a little  
6 bit near medical.

7           Q     So you entered on Norway Deck?

8           A     Norway Deck.

9           Q     And then you went to --

10          A     To upstairs, to medical center.

11          Q     Which is on?

12          A     Viking Deck.

13          Q     When you came on board at Norway Deck, was  
14 there a security guard there?

15          A     Yes. One of the security guards.

16          Q     What was he doing?

17          A     He was just controlling that no one is  
18 allowed to go inside, the passengers are only outside.  
19 Maintaining the crowd.

20          Q     When you took the fire department out, you  
21 took them through the same way?

22          A     Yes.

23          Q     And you did that how many times?

24          A     Two, three times. Then later we posted  
25 outside.

1 Q You mustered outside the medical center?

2 A No, posted.

3 Q Oh, posted.

4 A We were just standing there and then we can  
5 help them maintain the crowd, because there were many  
6 crew standing by and they were inside, our own  
7 stretcher team crews, so we had to tell them to move  
8 around.

9 Q So you were posted at the medical center.  
10 When did that happen?

11 A Soon after all the security got there.

12 Q Came where?

13 A There in the medical center.

14 Q So you were told to go there by radio?

15 A No. No, first they told me to go to the  
16 medical center, Nigel. After that, I was to take in  
17 and out, like show them. The first time I showed them  
18 outside, once I get inside, just go there and I go down  
19 and later other security guard came and then they told  
20 me to stay there and they were the one to tell them  
21 take the medical people in and out of the ship carrying  
22 the stretches, how it is to happen, because through the  
23 staircase it is very hard to take the stretchers, so  
24 they helped and then they told me to stand outside  
25 medical center.

1 Q What happened after all the victims were  
2 taken off the ship?

3 A Then I went in the forward gangway.

4 Q What did you do there?

5 A Then I was posted there so nobody to come  
6 inside.

7 Q So forward gangway, which deck?

8 A Forward crew gangway. Sorry, crew gangway.

9 Q Crew gangway, Biscayne Deck?

10 A Biscayne Deck, yes.

11 Q And you were posted there to prevent people  
12 from coming on board?

13 A My job was also that if someone comes in,  
14 like I took two Coast Guard up in the bridge and if  
15 there was some kind of paper they have to pass, then I  
16 stood on to the bridge.

17 Q Was there anyone else there with you?

18 A Yes. My supervisor, Nigel.

19 Q So Nigel was out at the crew gangway. Who  
20 else?

21 A My supervisor also.

22 Q Pradip Pun.

23 A Pradip Pun and then other fire team, our ship  
24 fire team was also walking around.

25 Q Security fire team?

1 A No, no. Ship fire team.

2 Q Chief fire team?

3 A Ship.

4 Q Ship fire team. But were they security  
5 guards?

6 A No.

7 Q So you were the only security guard there?

8 A If I had to go up in the bridge, then my  
9 supervisor is to come and stay there.

10 Q Okay.

11 A Because he was going in and out of the pier  
12 side, directing the crowd in the pier side, the crew  
13 coming in and out, so I was supposed to -- I think  
14 (inaudible).

15 Q What channel is your radio?

16 A Five.

17 Q Did you hear the captain talking to Nigel to  
18 prevent people from going ashore, to stop the crew from  
19 going ashore on channel five?

20 A To stop the captain?

21 Q The captain tell Nigel to stop the crew from  
22 going ashore.

23 A I don't remember.

24 Q You didn't hear it on your radio?

25 A He might have, but I didn't.

1 Q If you don't remember, you don't remember.  
2 Do you remember the captain making an announcement that  
3 all crew members were supposed to go to their muster  
4 stations?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And do you remember what signal was sounded?

7 A It was seven short blasts.

8 Q Do you remember the captain telling the crew  
9 not to leave the ship over the PA system?

10 A They told the crew to stay in their muster  
11 station until further announcement.

12 Q Do you know if there were any security guards  
13 at the store's gangway when you were at the crew  
14 gangway?

15 A I was inside, so I didn't see.

16 Q You don't know. Is it normal procedure to  
17 have a security guard at each gangway?

18 A Yes.

19 Q On that morning you were eating breakfast and  
20 your supervisor was at the crew gangway. Was there  
21 only you two?

22 A No, another. Yock was there.

23 Q Yock was also at the crew gangway, so there  
24 were two security guards on duty?

25 A Yes.

1 Q Nigel was at -- Pun was at the crew gangway,  
2 your supervisor, right?

3 A Yes. Pradip.

4 Q Pradip and Nigel, so four people. One was at  
5 breakfast --

6 A I didn't see Nigel, I just -- actually, we  
7 three were waiting outside for the immigration and  
8 everything to sign on the paper, so I was hungry and I  
9 told my supervisor I will go and have breakfast. When  
10 I left, there was just two of them, Pradip and Yock.

11 Q And as far as you know, was anyone else on  
12 duty?

13 A No, just three of us.

14 Q So the after gangway was down?

15 A The aft gangway is manned by outside pier  
16 security.

17 Q And where do they man it?

18 A They sit inside the ship.

19 Q Were they on board?

20 A I don't remember. I just saw two of the  
21 security in the crew gangway, but they were in the pier  
22 side. They were waiting to come inside. I just saw  
23 them.

24 Q And there was a forward gangway also down?

25 A Yes.

1 Q Was there a security guard at that forward  
2 gangway?

3 A I don't remember.

4 Q Were the passenger gangways across?

5 A I think either pier security came or I don't  
6 know, because I was in the crew gangway, I didn't see  
7 whether they came on board or not.

8 MR. WALSH: I don't have any other questions.

9 EXAMINATION

10 BY MR. UNKNOWN:

11 Q You said you was six months on the Norway?

12 A Yes.

13 Q This is your first assignment?

14 A First assignment.

15 Q Back in your homeland are you trained as a  
16 security or police officer?

17 A No. We did a in-house training and martial  
18 arts training.

19 Q But you have not served as a police officer  
20 in your homeland?

21 A No.

22 Q The morning that this happened -- back up.  
23 The life boat drill that the ship is conducting on a  
24 weekly basis, what are you doing on a normal life boat  
25 drill? From the signal goes, tell me what you do.

1           A     They tell the fire team and everyone to  
2 assemble in one place and we go there with assembled  
3 and tell over the radio that the fire is (inaudible)  
4 and go around. We assemble at one place and then  
5 divide. He go there, I go here.

6           Q     And from there on you go to -- when the  
7 captain gives the signal to go to the life boat  
8 station, what do you do?

9           A     Abandon the ship?

10          Q     Yes.

11          A     Abandon ship?

12          Q     Yes.

13          A     We go to our station.

14          Q     What is your station?

15          A     Forward, in the Olympic Deck at the time of  
16 abandon ship.

17          Q     What is your life boat station, what number?

18          A     It's 4.4.

19          Q     The morning that the explosion came, you were  
20 in the mess, right?

21          A     Yes.

22          Q     And you heard something that you never have  
23 heard before in all your life, I'm pretty sure, right?

24          A     Yes.

25          Q     Was it a big bang?

1           A     Big bang.

2           Q     So what was your thought immediately then?  
3     What were you thinking when you heard it?  What did you  
4     think was happening, in your mind?

5           A     I was just scared.  I was like what is that,  
6     what is that, that's it.

7           Q     So you was not really sure what was  
8     happening?

9           A     No.

10          Q     And then eventually you went to the gangway?

11          A     Yes.

12          Q     And then eventually you was told to go  
13     ashore?

14          A     Yes.

15                 MR. UNKNOWN:  I have no further questions.

16                                 EXAMINATION

17                 BY MR. UNKNOWN:

18          Q     When you were at the mid gangway, you were  
19     looking towards the ship, right?

20          A     Yes.

21          Q     What did you observe during that time that  
22     you were looking towards the ship and at that gangway?  
23     What did you see?

24          A     Actually, there is a big luggage in the mid  
25     ship gangway at the time of the crew.  Sunday is the

1 sign off, everyone sign off, so we put luggage over  
2 there on the mid ship gangway, so there was luggage.  
3 It was actually all locked and it was dark, so I didn't  
4 see anything.

5 I see some of the crew member passing around,  
6 so I tell them come on, come on, but they didn't. They  
7 just vanished, I don't know where they went inside. I  
8 think they went up to the Olympic Deck.

9 MR. UNKNOWN: Those are all the questions I  
10 have.

11 EXAMINATION

12 BY MR. WALSH:

13 Q When you came on board the Norway six months  
14 ago, what special training did you receive in crowd  
15 control?

16 A Crowd control? Those are the lectures.

17 Q How long?

18 A It was divided into days.

19 Q But your lectures on crowd control lasted how  
20 long?

21 A Crowd in Crisis.

22 Q How long was that lecture?

23 A Four to six hours.

24 Q Four to six hours. When you drill on board  
25 the ship, what does Code Bravo mean to you?

1           A     Code Bravo is fire.

2           Q     And if the drill said Code Bravo, main  
3 galley, what do you do?

4           A     We assemble, like everybody has to assemble  
5 at one place. We listen to the assemble and then we go  
6 to the assembly area and then we divide (inaudible) and  
7 then we take our position outside the area, we go to  
8 the area and tell the crew members not to pass that  
9 area.

10          Q     On Sunday, the 25th, you didn't hear Code  
11 Bravo when you were on board the ship?

12          A     Yes, I heard Code Bravo.

13          Q     And you heard it on your radio?

14          A     I think it was in the PA system.

15          Q     The PA system?

16          A     Yes.

17          Q     So you were on board when you heard the Code  
18 Bravo?

19          A     I heard Code Bravo, but I don't know whether  
20 it's in my radio or PA system.

21          Q     Do you remember where the Code Bravo was for?

22          A     No.

23          Q     Did you try to go where the Code Bravo was  
24 for?

25          A     No. Because we are assigned outside.

1           Q     You heard a Code Bravo, it was for the ship.  
2     Your drills --

3           A     Yeah, it was I think in the radio maybe,  
4     because all the people were in the fire suit, all the  
5     crew members.

6           Q     You saw crew members in the fire suits?

7           A     Yes, I saw them.

8           Q     Did you go to help them?

9           A     No, because I was told to stay outside. I  
10    was told to stay outside.

11           MR. WALSH: We're all done. That ends the  
12    conversation with the security guard.

13                   (Whereupon, the interview was concluded.)

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